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an be depended upon to flower It is most satisfactory when allowed to remain undisturbed fact, till they are tightly wedged uch being the case, it is evident il must be of a good, lasting will not decay quickly. The of the potting compost must nsist of loam, lightened to the necessary tent by rough silver sand. If the loam is a heavy, adhesive nature it may be htened by the addition of a little peat or if-mould, but in ordinary soils this is not cessary. The drainage, too, must be good. implaints are by no means infrequent that erines do not flower well, and this can nerally be traced to their being given the ong treatment. It must be borne in mind at, after flowering, the plants make their owth, hence they must during the winter assigned a good, light position in the eenhouse, and enough water given to keep e soil fairly moist. So treated, they will ntinue to grow steadily through the win-, and more rapidly when the days ngthen. Then, as spring advances, the ives turn yellow, and ultimately die off. he pots containing the bulbs must then be ven a position fully exposed to the sun, nd water withheld. Towards the latter part August, as a rule, the tips of the flower-

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Growing Gloxinias

ill be beneficial.

ikes, which make their appearance before

e leaves, may be detected. As soon as

ese are seen, the pot or pots should be

aked in a pail of water, as it will be im-

ossible to moisten the soil by ordinary

atering. After this the spikes and flowers

ill rapidly develop. During the growing

riod an occasional dose of liquid-manure

ABOUT

Hollyhock Lady Baily Flowers full-double pink and over 6 ins. across

the seedlings a brisk stove temperature is better than a sharp bottom-heat, as this all too often dries the soil below. If placed on bottom-heat a moderate temperature is best, and then good seeds will germinate freely. Cover the seed-pots with a sheet of heavilyshaded glass, examining and wiping it daily till the seeds appear. From this time it is simply a question of transplanting the seedlings as soon as large enough into boxes or

Double-flowered Hollyhocks

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T is seldom that we see Hollyhocks so well grown as those shown at a recent meeting of the Royal Horficultural Society by Messrs, James Vert and Sons, Saffron Walden. All of the varieties shown were double flowered, the flowers being remarkable for their exceptional size, perfect form, and great range of colour, including bright salmon, deep maroon, sulphur-yellow, and

The plant here illustrated is typical of all the varieties there. The flowers were intensely double and the plants were all strong a good pleasing pink, such as only the double-flowered Hollyhock can produce. In Kew for a number of years.

Lifting and dividing Lilies

The Madonna Lily (L. candidum) and it Hundreds of clumps of beautiful flowers o this Lily were to be seen in the cottage gar dens in Kent, between Tunbridge Wells an Maidstone, during the month of July, bu always in full sunshine.

Crocus species

Borders of June flowers

CONTACT

THE photograph was taken quite 10 days too soon to show the effect of a double border of June flowers, for the Irises were barely in bloom, the Lupins had not risen to their full height, and the masses of the fine purple Cranesbill (Geranium ibericum) were only as yet in bud. Where space allows, such a border is well worth planting. various shades of red, pink, to purple and Densely flowered bushes of Olearia Gunniana go charmingly with the pink China Rose and the fine white Oriental Poppy. The colouring then passes to the pale yellow of Iris flavescens and a yellow hybrid Lupin, growing and clean in growth. The variety leading to the full deep yellow of Iris aurea Lady Baily has good, full-double, pink and a bright yellow bush of Golden Privet; blooms measuring over 6 inches across and of then again passing to white Irises, Geranium ibericum, and a front planting of Nepeta. On the other side come Irises of the Squalens many ways this variety reminded us of Pall- type-red-purple and smoky-yellow-in a ing Belle, that lovely double pink Hollyhock groundwork of the reddish satin-lustred that has been grown with marked success at leaves of Heuchera Richardsoni, passing to the quiet pink Iris Queen of the May, and again China Roses and white Lupins. The borders are enclosed by a hedge of Yew to the left and at the end, and on the right by various forms, including the Nankeen Lil another of flowering shrubs, chiefly Guelder (L. testaceum) may now be lifted and divide Rose and Ribes. Such an arrangement of where fresh plantations are desirable, and June flowers should be done on a larger scale, where new bulbs are required they should by the better to have the plants in more secured without delay. A well-drained am ample groups, and to admit of the placing deeply-dug soil is what this old favourite re of other fine things whose use was forbidden quires and a position exposed to sunshine by the restricted area of the space available.

Propagating Violas

Where quantities of named varieties of these popular flowers are required a start must now be made with their propagation. Do not use the ends of the old flowering growths, as these rarely make good plants, similar way, notably that rather exuberant sort, Miss Mellish. Personally, I consider the latter variety more suitable for the edge of a shrubbery than for the herbaceous border, but if kept erect it is pleasing anywhere. Notes of undesirable combinations or of overcrowding should now be taken with a view to alterations during the early winter. W. McG.

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At one time these were to be found in every cottage garden, but a disease appeared some years back entirely wiping out whole colonies, Hybridists have evidently raised a more robust plant able to withstand our climatic conditions as of vore. Not only have they added robustness, but decided as well as variable colours too diverse to classify here,



Borders of June flowers at Munstead Wood

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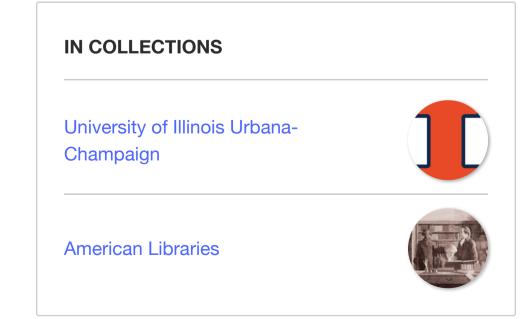
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